

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP PARK COMMITTEE

September 8, 2008

Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairperson Barbara Riehle, Park Committee Members Matt Beane, Bonnie Haines, Jeanne Hamm, Rod Hunter and Michael Ranalla, Town Board Liaison Jim Doriott and Planner Sherri Buss.

1. AGENDA – M/S/P Hunter/Haines moved to adopt the agenda as written. (4 ayes)
2. MINUTES – M/S/P – Ranalla/Hunter moved to approve the 8/11/08 Stillwater Township Park Committee Meeting minutes as written. (4 ayes)
3. PARK LAND ACQUISITION – Planner Sherri Buss had an aerial map of the township which was compared to the search areas indicated on the park map in the Comprehensive Plan. Criteria include being geographically dispersed from other parks, easy access, connections to other parks via trail system and undeveloped large parcels. An inventory of sites can be prepared by the Park Committee and pictures taken of them and then they can be prioritized and then landowners can be approached. Another suggestion was that a large map could be posted at the November election with possible sites indicated and if a landowner is interested, they can be invited to talk to the Township.

The areas identified in the Comprehensive Plan may need to be made larger.

(Matt Beane arrived.)

Sherri Buss will present these ideas to the Town Board for their input.

4. TOWNSHIP PICNIC – There was discussion as to whether this should be an annual event. The Planning Commission could also become involved. The consensus was that it should be made an annual event.

The co-op should also be thanked for their participation in the picnic.

5. PARK AND TRAIL CONCERNS –
 - Rod Hunter reported that the Curtiss Hills trail had been mowed about 30 feet wide. He believes this is wider than the right of way.
 - Bonnie Haines reported that she had removed some diseased elm trees along the trail on Arcola to Quarry Avenue and there was discussion as to whether this trail should be better maintained.

(Jeanne Hamm arrived.)

6. WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER – The next newsletter should be out in the fall. An article about the Township's desire to acquire park land could be included.

7. TOWN BOARD LIAISON REPORT – Jim Doriott had drawings of the signs he has ordered for the park. He also reported on other Town Board activities.

8. ADJOURNMENT – M/S/P Hunter/Ranalla moved to adjourn the meeting. (6 ayes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Kathy Schmoeckel
Park Committee Clerk